THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) to (d) This Ministry is not aware if any kit that has been type approved by any of the authorized Testing Agencies has failed. The Automotive Research Association of India (ARAI) have intimated that they have developed a CNG kit for two-stroke engines of auto rickshaws operating on gaseous fuel. However, no firm has come forward to exploit the know how commercially.

Twenty Year Road Development Plan

5375. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(c) whether it is a fact that the country has the second largest road network in the world;

(a) if so, the road length, State-wise; and

(c) the achievements made under the Twenty Year Road Development Plan (1981—2001) so far, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI]: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The 20 year Road Development Plan (1981 -2001) is a vision document prepared by Indian Roads Congress (IRC) and its recommendations are not binding on the Government. The document only suggested cumulative target of road length in each State to be achieved upto 2001 and it didn't propose target for addition of road length in each State during 1981—2001. However, State-wise details regarding road length suggested to be achieved upto 2001 and actual road length achieved as ©n 31.3.1997 as available are given in the statement.

Statement

State-wise road length as on 31-3-1997

SI. No.	State/UT	Road length (Kms) as suggested to be achieved in the Twenty Year Road Development Plan (1981—2001)	Road length (Kms) as on 31.3.1997
1.	Andaman & Nicobar Island	1956	1317
2.	Andhra Pradesh	1,74,856	1,78,012
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	15,716	14092
4.	Assam	85,282	68418
5.	Bihar	212,032	(A) 88352
6.	Chandigarh	107	1753
7.	Dadra & Nagar	173	533
8.	Delhi	1,143	26582
9.	Goa	8723	(B) 8664
10.	Gujarat	114,886	90896
11.	Haryana	34,738	28164
12.	Himachal Pradesh	61,262	30193
13.	Jammu & Kashmir	53,840	21446
14.	Karnataka	144,654	144012
15.	Kerala	128,963	145704
16.	Lakshadweep	36	131
17.	Madhya Pradesh	341,268	(C) 200137
18.	Maharashtra	220,877	361893
19.	Manipur	13,596	10941
20.	Meghalaya	20,967	8480
21.	Mizoram	7831	4929
22.	Nagaland	8,600	18356
23.	Orissa	165,507	262703
24.	Punjab	50,132	64352
25.	Pondicherry	2273	2405
26.	Rajasthan	209,392	129674
27.	Sikkim	3,616	1834
28.	Tamil Nadu	138,115	206503
29.	Tripura	9,181	14729
30.	Uttar Pradesh	355,160	(D) 255467
31.	West Bengal	115,792	75435

A: Includes length in Jharkhand.

B: Includes length in Daman & Diu. C: Includes length in Chhattisgarh. D. Includes length in Uttaranchal.